



# F-35 Lightning II Program

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## FIRST INTERNATIONAL JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER DELIVERED TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

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**Fort Worth, Texas** – July 19, 2012 - The United Kingdom accepted the first international F-35 Lightning II, Joint Strike Fighter aircraft at a ceremony attended by senior representatives of the U.K. Ministry of Defence and the US Department of Defense at the Lockheed Martin F-35 production facility. The Right Honourable Philip Hammond, UK Secretary of State for Defence, and Mr. Frank Kendall, U.S. Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, represented their respective government agencies. The U.K. was the first partner nation to join the F-35 program, and has been involved in the design, development and testing of the F-35 for more than a decade. Initial U.K. jets will be used for pilot training at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Fighter Wing at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.  
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